



State Qualification Standard Verification Process:

***WIAA Swim and Dive time standards are determined as follows:** The WIAA and a Washington Interscholastic Aquatics Coaches Association (WIACA) Committee, using the 16th place preliminary times from the three-previous state meets as a guide, determine the Time Standards.

A swimmer who meets the time standard in an interscholastic meet and has that time verified, may use that time for entry into the state meet, **provided the athlete competes in that event(s) at the District Meet.**

Athletes may equal or better the posted qualifying standards in any sanctioned high school dual, double- dual, triangular, or invitational competitions during the current WIAA season. These include:

- a. Sanctioned Washington State high school meets with two or more WIAA schools competing.
- b. Out-of-state dual and invitational meets that follow WIAA guidelines.
- c. Standards achieved at an Intra-squad, alumni, time trial, and/or other one-team competition are not to be considered and/or verified as a state qualifying time.

For a time from a current regular season competition to be verified, the coach of the school team must do the following within ONE week (7 calendar days) of the competition date:

1. Post the state time(s) or score(s) for consideration to the WISCA.ORG website
 - a. All times must be achieved through either:
 - electronic timing (a timed touchpad finish) OR
 - a minimum two-watch hand timed, or two-button hand timed finish.
 - b. Relay leadoff times may be used if:
 - The times are achieved using either an electronic touchpad split or
 - two separate designated split timers, located at the lane, and
 - the swim was declared to the referee prior to the start of the race.
2. Submit an electronic copy of the complete meet results to the WIAA state meet director, Jeff Lowell at lowellj@bsd405.org. Preferred format is a pdf of a meet manager meet results file.
 - a. All meet results, regardless of format must include the following:
 - all teams competing in the meet
 - all participants – including all JV results
 - in the event further verification is necessary, the name and contact email of the meet referee must be included with the message to which the results are attached.
 - b. NOTE: Individual timecards, results without all teams and/or times, or other incomplete results will not be accepted for verification. This includes individual dive sheets submitted rather than complete dive meet results.

3. An athlete's time or dive score, when not following this procedure, WILL NOT be used for qualification into the state meet. Times or scores that are not verified will be removed from the WISCA.org database.
4. If a coach does not complete the verification process as outlined in the Bound for State Regulations, it will be considered a Level 2 violation as outlined in WIAA rule 25.5 and the coach's school will be assessed a fine of \$100 a time, not to exceed \$1500 for a season. The fine must be paid to the WIAA prior to the beginning of the school's preliminary session of the district championships for the school to be eligible for participation. The WIAA will use any funds collected through these funds to further professional development opportunities for swim and dive coaches at the WIAA's annual coaches' school (or other determined coaches education opportunity as determined by the WIAA Executive Board).
5. Coaches – Please remember that this process is just to confirm that an athlete met a qualifying standard. For an athlete's official entry into the state meet, coaches must complete the Direct Athletics entry process by the entry deadline. Coaches should access Direct Athletics entry early in the season by selecting the appropriate link: [Direct Athletics Entry Process – Girls Meet](#) / [Direct Athletics Entry Process – Boys Meet](#).